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Application of: Peter H. Kay
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 MOLECULAR BEACONS IN THE
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 NUCLEIC ACIDS

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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND
 FILING OF CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on April 21, 2003, Applicants are filing a continuation application during the pending of the above referenced application.

A petition for three-month extension of time for response to the Advisory Action is herewith submitted.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 9236/2002. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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